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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I chose a competitive provider because the one I had was outrageously expensive and provided poor service. With competition customers would be able to select a provider that would provide the needed service and a lower cost.

Everything except my pension check is steadily increasing and if there is a price hike it will be a further hardship for those of us who rely on internet and telephone services.

This country's economy has grown strong because of competition. Why is there an effort now to curb competition?

Please do the right thing and maintain our ability to have more of an intelligent choice in whom we decide to select.

Thank you.

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